

## **GLBET Islands Committee Logic Model and 2005 Action Plan**

The mission of the GLBET Islands committee is to identify priority islands and island properties, and develop methods and tools for public and private island landowners to become aware of the significance of these properties and to learn to appropriately manage these properties, resulting ultimately in long-term protection and management of significant ecological communities on Great Lakes islands.

Resources: GLBET Island Committee members; other Service staff from both R3 and R5; non-FWS partners; GIS data layers for islands that GLBET GIS/DSS committee is working on; GLNPO grant for conservation of Great Lakes Islands and binational collaborative of folks working on this project; widespread support for island conservation among resource agencies; ability of certain refuges to purchase island properties (Detroit River IWR, Ottawa NWR, Horicon NWR, Shiawassee NWR, Seney NWR, others); GLBET islands website; Great Lakes Islands factsheet; potential for many federally-owned (BLM, Coast Guard, etc.) islands to come up for sale in next few years; SOLEC support of islands as indicator of Great Lakes quality; IAGLR support of islands conservation initiative

Activities: Expansion of binational collaborative for Great Lake Islands conservation; Conference calls; Meetings; Grant writing; Website updates; Preparation of outreach materials; Research; Field activities/island land management; Refuge purchases and expansions; Partners purchases of island properties; Presentations at various meetings/conferences

Outputs: Criteria for “high biodiversity value” islands; Defined functional island groups/archipelagos; Island threats analysis; List of priority island biodiversity investment areas; Strategic Action Plan for Great Lakes Island conservation; Analysis of Federal, State/Provincial, and Local level policies regarding island management; Outreach materials; Grant money to continue islands conservation strategy into year 3; Updated webpage; Potential for IAGLR 2005 session on islands; Island biodiversity conserved by Service and partners.

Short-term outcomes: Expand our newly created binational collaborative dedicated to addressing the issue of Great Lakes islands conservation; Demonstrate the importance of Great Lakes islands; Develop Strategic Action Plan for conservation of Great Lakes Islands; Secure funding to promote conservation strategy for year 3; Increase multi-partner coordination and involvement in islands issues; Identification of primary threats to island biodiversity; Identification of island biodiversity investment areas; Understanding of multiple levels of policy regarding island habitat management; Have general info on Great Lakes islands website widely available to public; Islands or island properties acquired by Service and/or conservation partners.

Mid-term outcomes: Islands or island properties incorporated into refuge system and managed appropriately; Islands or island properties owned and/or managed appropriately by conservation partners; Private island landowners learning appropriate land

management activities; Island biodiversity investment areas identified and protected/managed; Wider awareness of island significance among public and agencies; Future needs for island conservation identified; Facilitated policy changes to promote conservation of island biodiversity; Threats to island biodiversity addressed and alleviated;

Long-term outcomes: Sustainable natural communities on islands; long-term, appropriate protection and management of important and rare fish, wildlife, and plants, and their island habitats